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No Outsider for Postmaster.

It is rumored that the President is con sidering the appointment of a non-resident as postmaster of Washington to succeed Mr. Willett, the incumbent. This rumor is not to be credited, though it comes from several sources. The Washington city post office of late years has been uniformly filled by men who have been thoroughly identified with the District. Presidents have recognized the equities of the case by naming residents of the capital and the office has been for a considerable period in no sense the prey of the carpet-bagger. It is strictly a local function; the dealings of the postmaster are with the people of the District. There is no more reason for the contemplation of this office as a spoils place, to be filled from the outside, than exists in any other city, large or small, where the home-rule

principle uniformly prevails. President McKinley is well acquainted with Washington and its traditions and its needs. His service in Congress during several terms enabled him, before he rose to enjoy the appointive power over the District, to appreciate the political helplessness of the national capital when the spoilsmen turn upon it. He has doubtless observed, too, a steady growth of sentiment in favor of a strict observance of the home rule doctrine. In the appointment of federal officers of all kinds this rule has generally obtained. The local office of recorder of deeds has through a bad precedent and practice of long standing come to be regarded as a political sop for the reward of some one among the faithful of colored workers and strikers in the field of national politics. But there is nothing in the record which justifies the present consideration of any other than a District man for the postmastership. It may be impossible to remove the recordership from the category of a political reward and encouragement to the imported negro at the community's expense; but it should be equally impossible to add to this category of official spoils another local office, the postmastership, making it the special prey of labor organizations in the states.

The platform upon which President Mc-Kinley was elected declares that "all federal officers appointed for the territories shall be selected from the bona fide residents thereof." The District is a territory within the meaning of this doctrine. The post office is a federal office in every sense of the word. It is at the same time a local office. The combination leaves no room for doubt as to the proper course to be pursued when the time comes to name a new

Hale, Aguinaldo & Co. The opponents of the peace treaty are

falling in behind Mr. Hale. The latest recognition of his leadership comes from Agoncillo, the representative of Aguinaldo, and from an organization, with headquarters in London, calling itself the Philippine committee. His course is praised, and he is reverently adjured to continue in the goed work. Agoncillo is soon to join him this capital and assist him with suggestions. So high is he held in the estimation of the Filippinos that they do not communicate with other public men on the subject without letting Mr. Hale know The copy of a cablegram addressed to Mr Hoar is sent by mail to Mr. Hale.

This is the proper situation. The Star suggested several weeks ago Mr. Hale's fitness for the post. There may be some temporary embarrassment when Agoncillo and the senior senator from Maine come to confer as to details. Such abuse of the Spaniards as the heutenant of Aguinaldo is likely to heap upon them will grate unpleasantly on the ears of De Lome's old friend and Spain's old champion. But Mr. Hale is nimble. And the Malay probably is, too. Their common desire to balk this government will enable them to get together in fair fighting shape.

Encouraged by this recognition of his leadership and by these appeals to his abilities, Mr. Hale takes heart, and flouts all talk about the administration's success with the treaty. He commits Mr. Hoar afresh on the subject. He himself is full of fight. Well, so was the little bull that tackied the locomotive. So was Mr. Hale last winter when he was Spain's defender in the Senate. But the locomotive, if we have the true story of that affair, kept on its course, and certainly Spain lost her case in the United States Senate. Mr. Hale, with the assistance of Aguinaldo, may expect to butt the peace treaty off the track. But It is a big contract.

The foreign novelist is sometimes tempted to attach more importance to his opinions of this country than they deserve. If a man can write good fiction Americans are willing to pay for it, but he is likely to cheapen himself by scattering prize packages in the form of unsolicited comment.

Connecticut proposes to prohibit golf playing on Sunday. The state is to be congratulated on having reached a point where there are no werse offenses to claim the valuable time of its legislature.

The awe inspired by the kaiser's visit has evidently worn off. Distinguished members of the sultan's court are proceeding to murder one another as if nothing had hap-

No Let-Up on Free Silver. Mr. Bryan's speech at Lincoln last night shows that he has not lost sight of the fact that he is, first and last, a candidate of the free silver party. He may have taken alarm at the persistence of the tendency to place him at the head of the anti-imperialism column. Maybe the remarkable demonstration of affection by Andrew Carnegie startled him into appreciating the danger of toying too fondly with new issues without reference to the old ones. At all events, he has evidently decided that no one shall forget that he still stands, first, last and all the time, for the free and unlimited coinage of silver independently by this government at the ratio of sixteen to one. And for other reforms, he is careful to assure his hearers. The Chicago platform demanded other changes than that proposed for the currency. The courts, the civil service, and other matters are not to be forgotten. The whole program must be adhered to.

But meanwhile, Mr. Bryan assures the country, he has the strength and inclination to undertake a few jobs on the side. He will have some leisure in the next year or two which may not be required by his championship of the Chicago platform. He will try to save the country while he waits for another nomination. He will fight the increase of the army and the extension of the national boundaries. He is known to be an energetic man, still young, enthusiastic in his undertakings, and at present without pressing engagements to keep him to undertake a few jobs on the side. He

THE EVENING STAR. from the task of republic-saving. So he appoints himself, upon the nomination of Mr. Carnegie, as rescuer of the nation. He will work to keep the army down to innocuous proportions and he will bend every energy to prevent the casting of the mantle of Americanism over the Filipinos

But it must not be understood that in do ing this Mr. Bryan is snaung on in the least from his loyalty to the Chicago platform. That is all in all. It is his guiding star. He is keeping his eye fixed steadily upon it. He knows as long as he remains true to the faith he has the logical call upon the next nomination. Does he think now to strengthen his chances by broadening the field of division, by including other stars? Does he believe that perhaps a new Chicago platform may be written in 1900 so broad, so comprehensive that not only Mr. Carnegie may stand upon it but a few men like Mr. Hoar and Mr. Hale?

Yet the country will not be misled by this Bryanite agitation of the imperialistic menace into believing that the free silver menace is at an end. The speech at Lincoln sufficed to show that there is to be no letting up in the assault upon the country's credit, while a new attack is being organized upon the country's expansion.

An Instructive Fire.

A small fire today served to bring out certain facts in regard to the management of such affairs in the District which ough to be carefully noted by the authorities Observers report a long delay in getting water from the steamers into the burning building. The fire was on the sixth floor and there was difficulty in raising the hose to that level. The experiment of elevating the aerial truck was tried. The ladder was shoved to the roof to a dangerous position and men were sent up it, while a line of empty hose was holsted alongside. When the men reached the top there was much shouting from both ends, several min utes were lost and finally the men were ordered down, responding slowly. The truck was then raised to the roof of an adjoining building, and after much delay a stream was put upon the burning roof. But mean while other firemen were tugging hard to hoist a filled hose up a fire escape on the other side of the building, finding the task almost beyond performance. After the fire was out it was discovered that there was an iron standpipe running up alongside the fire escape, designed expressly for just such emergencies. It was suggested afterward that the pipe leaked. Leaky or not, it would assuredly have been of some service in flooding the burning roof and quenching the blaze. While the ladder operations and the fire escape hoisting were in progress the small line from the chemica engine was putting out the fire. Being light, it was easily taken to the sixth story The chemical engine had reached the fire first, practically before the regular alarm began to sound. This demonstration of the real value of these light, easily handled machines ought to suffice to persuade Congress to grant appropriations for several more, to be located in various parts of the city. But in the meantime there should be some inquiry into the causes for the long delays which were experienced in getting water upon the fire. There was blundering in the handling of the aerial truck and consequent loss of time. It is also to be ascertained whether there are any other standpipes in the city which run the sam chance of being missed when occasion arises for their use. The insurance regula tions recognize the value of these pipes, and if they are of any utility they should be put into service whenever occasion arises. If they are to be permitted to become leaky some steps should be taken to insure their inspection and repair. Fortunately this morning's fire did a minimum of damage while it was bringing these important facts into prominent notice.

Sustaining the President.

The responses that have been made to the President's cordial sentiments expressed the President's cordial sentiments expressed sionists is that the development of their on his southern trip show the existence of intellectual processes was arrested some a sound and sane state of public feeling. The south accepts the President's fraternal hand, and the north applauds him for extending it. He has every assurance, therefore, that his act was both gracious and timely, and every reason to believe that it will contribute materially to the general

good. If a politician here and there is seeking to give matters a twist for his own benefit he disturbs nobody. No serious attention is being paid to him. What the President meant is all contained in what the President said, and the people, north and south. understand him. They will stand with him. rather than with this or that local leader who is maneuvering either to obtain or to

That the President's words have had a! the greater weight because of his own well-known sincerity and sympathy of nature is of course true. There was no room had there been the disposition, to charge him with self-seeking or buncombe. Al that he said comported with the character of the man, as it became the dignity of the Chief Magistrate of the country; and sincere men everywhere applauded, and are

still applauding, his utterances. But it is pure folly for any man to misinterpret the spirit of the occasion. There is no excuse for such a thing. The south holds loyally to her old memories, and the north as loyally to hers. There has been no surrender of self-respect on either side. There could not, in the very nature of things, be such surrender; for in that event nothing would be left upon which to base profitable co-operation for the future. The President touched the right chord

and touched no other. The neglected grave -and neglected only through the inability of those who cherish it to care for it-appeals to all hearts; and as all contentions cease at the grave, the flowers of a former or ponent should bloom as sweetly there as any others. And they will.

Col. Roosevelt has been consulting with Mr. Low, and Mr. Platt is considerably worried over that proverb about a man's being known by the company he keeps.

Spain's anxiety to cover up the traces of its crimes in Havana is in line with its old idea that nothing makes any difference unless it gets into the newspapers.

The amount of actual service which Co! Bryan was permitted to see is not calculated to impress him with this country's need of fighting equipment.

Aguinaldo proposes to do business as far as possible on an "every-man-his-own-Santa-Claus" platform.

Liliuokalani should come forward and claim the credit due her as the original anti-expansionist.

The next time the czar issues a peace note he will have plenty of artillery behind

Possibly a libel suit is just the opportunity General Miles is looking for.

Foreign Appreciation. from the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

in iron and steel. As a result, it is said that a constant stream of foreign engineers

SHOOTING STARS.

Bravery His Business. "Did you tell that young man that there re microbes in a kiss?" said Maud. "Yes," answered Mamie. "But he has a reputation to sustain as a hero. He doesn't

dare be afraid of anything."

"I s'pose you kain't git froo dis worl' wifout noise," said Uncle Eben. "But I hates ter fin' a man dat ain' got no Christmas cheer about 'im 'ceppin' in 'is lungs."

A Query.

The question comes each Christmas morn To interrupt men's gentler mirth: How can the blowing of a horn Assist in bringing peace to earth?"

"My brother thought he was going to be ery smart," said the boy. "He went down cellar and got some anthracite coal and put it in my stocking Christmas eve."

"Did it make you angry?" "No. But it worried father and mother nearly to death for fear I'd insist on keep-, ing the coal and going out and selling it."

Anxious to Agree. "The idea!" exclaimed Mr. Meekton's

wife, "of sending a man with three wives to Congress! It's preposterous." "That's what I think," answered Mr. Meekton, incautiously. "He probably has all the trouble he can attend to at home

without bothering about his country." Love of Country.

At evening on the platform stood A hero, reveling in the hour When he, a kisser stout and good, Might show the world his power. In dreams he saw his fine mustache Worn stubbly by the lasses rash Who rushed to his embrace: In dreams he heard the tramp of feet As girls arrived, all nice and neat,

From his exalted face. At evening men with muscles strong Paused to expostulate in vain, The hero bade them pass along His ardor they could not restrain. Said he, "You must not interfere

In myriads for salutes so sweet

With patriotism so sincere As this they now display. Why thus they do we cannot know 'Twould be as hard as 'tis to show What made the lamb love Mary so Wherever she would stray."

Public opinion failed to teach. Its voice he would not hear. And still the echoing shout he hurls: "To arms! They're here! The girls! The

girls!" They couldn't stop him. Still he'd reach Across the rail, mid spinster screech And giddy giggling far and near. And when they'd falter in their zeal He'd shout the patriot's appeal With that alluring smile;

'Smack! for the glory of the free! Smack! for our country and for me! Smack! where the wondering world may

For this just sults my style!"

An Evolution of Ideas.

From the Providence Journal. To those who oppose the annexation of the Philippines on the ground that we did

not intend to annex them when we went to war with Spain the address of Mr. E. B. Haskell of Boston in that city Tuesday evening is commended, "No country," he said, "ever came out of war with identically the same ideas with which it went into it. Thus there was at the outset no sug-gestion of separation from the mother country in the war of the revolution; it was to escape unjust taxation. In the war of the rebellion the issue at the beginning was not the freeing of the slaves; it was the question as to the right of secession." As Lowell says: "New occasions teach new duties. Time makes ancient good un-couth." One trouble with the anti-expanmonths ago, and it is impossible for to quote the poet again, to "keep abreast of truth."

Mosaic Laws for Kansas.

From the New York Tribune.

Populist Assemblyman Wallace of Labette county, Kan., wants to have the ten commandments passed by the legislature, and the authority of Moses confirmed by a modern board of lawgivers, even a populist Kansas assembly, reeking with grasshop-pers and bewildered with all sorts of political hallucinations like those which infigured the vision of the chosen people in their forty years in the wilderness. Most of his fellow-populists regard the idea as absurd, and tell him so; but he has the courage of his absurdities, and will put the matter to test during the ensuing session. There is no popular objection to the Mosaic code, but a feeling seems to prevail that its biblical declaration and enforcement are sufficient, and that it is hardly up to date in point of style. But it is evident that Wallace will push for its incorporation into the body of Kansas law with all the energy

A Bellamyite Failure.

From the Philadelphia Press. The failure of another Bellamy colony, founded three years ago at Hastings, Brit-ish Columbia, was to be expected. Of practicability there was not a whit in "Looking Backward." Its fantasies were convincing just as fairy stories are convincing while you are under the spell. To carry his ideas into practice a complete reversal of all the ordinary instincts of human beings was called for. Naturally, it does not need a profound knowledge of human nature to perceive that such reversals come slowly, not by leaps, and not by the flats of dreamers. Hence, with things as they are, Bellamyism can only succeed when it has the least semblance to the Simon-pure creed of

Georgian Economy.

From the Galveston News. The Georgia legislature cut down expenses of the academy for the blind, school for the deaf, the state sanitarium, the university, normal college and other schools and then proceeded to add to the expense account the following increases: Doorkeeper of senate \$100, porters for house and senate \$100, pages in the senate \$100, elevator boy \$50, college at Dahlonega \$600, insurance fund \$8,000, pension fund \$40,500; total, \$49,450.

Mason's Decoration.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer. Hon. Billy Mason has had a ham named after him, which up in Chicago is considered a far greater honor than the owner-ship of a tawdry Victoria cross.

The Silent Remnant.

From the Memphis Commercial Appeal. Petitions containing 2,000 names have been sent to Washington protesting against expansion. There are, however, 69,998,000 rsons still to be heard from.

Hobson's Corner.

From the Chicago Record. Considering the way Gen. Wheeler was received by the ladies at Atlanta, Hobson has a right to bring action for infringtment of copyright.

Spain Loses. From the Chicago Evening Post

It peace or war it seems to be all the same. Spain loses. Hobson's Halo.

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